The crisis between the United States and

Iran constituted by the actions and policies

of the Government of Iran that led to the

declaration of a national emergency on

March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The

actions and policies of the Government of

Iran are contrary to the interests of the

United States in the region and pose a continuing

unusual and extraordinary threat to

the national security, foreign policy, and

economy of the United States. Iran remains

the world’s most active state sponsor of terrorism,

and continues to provide lethal support

to Lebanese Hizballah, HAMAS, Palestinian

Islamic Jihad and numerous other terrorist

organizations in the region, as well as

to the Taliban in Afghanistan and various

Iraqi militant groups. For these reasons, I

have determined that it is necessary to continue

the national emergency declared with

respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive

sanctions against Iran to respond

to this threat.